

ences were "a large number of well-known people, highly placed officials, and even members of the Government"

The members of the National Committee, great and small, wrote articles and letters to the Press, they agitated, they talked, they worried candidates and M P 's, they lobbied assiduously, and with a holy zeal George Lansbury and the Dean of Norwich, together with C M Lloyd, appointed as chief organiser, and Chiford Sharp, editor of the monthly paper founded in 1910, travelled, as did the Webbs themselves, incessantly from one end of the country to the other, addressing large meetings meetings soon numbered between thirty and forty a week Ranged behind the big names was an army of lesser folk, who worked very hard indeed, with a joyous enthusiasm and, often, a passion of hero or heroine worship The heavy drudgery of the Central Office—at first housed austere in a basement in Clement's Inn, later on a grand scale at 37 Norfolk Street, Strand—as well as of the local offices in the provinces, was done by eager volunteers Young women and young men from the Universities would spend hour after hour, day after day, in folding and addressing circulars, or acting as stewards and collectors at meetings, to be amply rewarded by a brilliant if rather vague smile from the General Secretary when she looked in, in the course of the day

Destitution in fact, became "the thing" m 1910, talk about it penetrated even into the most fashionable circles The Webbs became popular figures With

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energy and unflagging enthusiasm, they threw
themselves
into a veritable furnace of work of a kind that
to her at
anyrate was congenial A certain flame-like
quality in
her here had play, and she knew how to
communicate
something of it to others Once again, too, the
combination
was ideal If she lit the torch and waved it
with thrilled
and thrilling gestures, his quiet and much more
factual
presentation lent a rare authority to the
case, which had